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SUBJ: TERRORISM:
HIJACKED SPANISH BOEING 727 DEPARTS TURIN FOR ZURICH

1. WHILE ACCOMPANYING AMBASSADOR STRAUSSZ-HUPE TO TURIN AIR-
PORT AT CASELLE FOR HIS USG AIRCRAFT FLIGHT BACK TO BRUSSELS
(WHEELS UP AT 0905 LOCAL), I OBSERVED INTENSE PREPARATIONS
FOR EXPECTED ARRIVAL OF HIJACKED SUBJECT AIRCRAFT: PRESENCE
OF QUESTORE OF TURIN, RANKING CARABINIERE OFFICERS AND HOST
OF ARMED MEN (SOME IN AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE UNIFORMS)# TWO
CARABINIERE HELICOPTERS WITH CREW AT CONTROLS READY FOR
MOMENT'S NOTICE TAKE-OFF# AND ABSENCE OF ALMOST ALL THE
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USUALLY PARKED COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE AIRCRAFT EXCEPT FOR
ONE ALITALIA 747 WHICH HAS BEEN AT AIRFIELD FOR SEVERAL DAYS
FOR PILOT TRAINING (CABIN WAS OCCUPIED, POSSIBLY IN ANTICIPA-
TION OF TAKE-OFF).

2. SPOKE TO QUESTORE WHO ASSURED ME NO RPT NO AMCITS WERE
ON HIJACKED AIRCRAFT OR WERE INVOLVED IN ANY MANNER.

CONFIRMED FACT THAT ALL-NIGHT NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO ITALIAN HIJACKER, LUCIANO PORCARI, AGE 37, BORN ORVIETO, AND HIS ESTRANGED WIFE RESIDENT WITH THREE CHILDREN IN TURIN TOOK PLACE AT LA STAMPA NEWSPAPER HEADQUARTERS LENDS CREDENCE TO FULL REPORT IN 3/15 ISSUE OF LA STAMPA. PORCARI HAD ATTACKED HIS FORMER WIFE ONCE BEFORE FOUR YEARS AGO TO OBTAIN PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF YOUNGEST DAUGHTER (WHICH PRESS NOTES HE CLAIMS IS NOT REALLY HIS). HE DEMANDED DAUGHTER AND LIRE 100 MILLION (CA. DOLS 120,000).

3. HIJACKED AIRCRAFT LANDED AROUND 1000 LOCAL, BUT AFTER APPARENT BREAKDOWN IN NEGOTIATIONS AND LOCAL AUTHORITY S REFUSAL TO REFUEL AIRCRAFT, PORCARI ORDERED PILOT TO FLY TO ZURICH (CLOSEST AIRFIELD OUTSIDE ITALY REACHEABLE WITH LITTLE FUEL RAMAINING) TAKE-OFF WAS AT 1250 LOCAL 20 HOSTAGES SAID TO BE STILL ON AIRCRAFT UPON DEPARTURE FROM TURIN. LOCAL EXPECTATION IS THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONTINUE FROM ZURICH WITH POSSIBLE RETURN OF AIRCRAFT TO TURIN IF FUEL CAN BE OBTAINED.
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